(b) whether any request has been received from the Government of Punjab for establishment of such institutes in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI): (a) There is no Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) or Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Punjab.

(b) A request has been received from the Chief Minister of Punjab to establish a new IIT/IIM in Punjab.

(c) Presently, there is no proposal under consideration to establish a new IIT and IIM in Punjab.

Course in design by IITs

3817. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IITs have planned to start a four year course in design;

(b) if so, the details of this proposal;

(c) the status of this demand from IITs;

(d) whether Government have not given clearance to such proposals; and

(e) the reasons for neglecting IITs in such matters and the delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI): (a) to (c) IIT, Guwahati is already running a four year course in design (Bachelor of Design) since 1998 and IIT, Madras has also started a five year Dual Degree (B.Tech and M. Tech) programme in engineering design from July, 2005. No such proposal from any other IIT is pending with the Government.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.